

## ARE MEN OR WOMEN MORE TRUTHFUL?

By Nixola Greeley-Smith.



A WRITER in the "Letters from the People" column asks which are the more truthful, men or women. Being a woman, she is inclined to the theory of woman's greater veracity, but she is broad-minded enough to concede that there may be two opinions on the subject, and seeks the other.

We may be more truthful than men, but I certainly hope we are not. Our natural handicaps are great enough without that additional impost of Fate. We cannot tell the truth invariably and please any one but our own uncomfortable New England consciences.

Lies are as much the circulating medium of the social world as money is of the commercial world. Most of us have to lie to live. A few very superior artists in mendacity live to lie. "Truth crushed to earth will rise again," but at that it's seldom able to take the count. And what does it profit it to be able to struggle faithfully to one elbow only to realize that it is treacherously down and out? For better or for ill it remains in dignified unconsciousness till it is carried from the ring.

It seems to me the mere fact that the majority of women are not in business would keep them more truthful than men. At any rate, it must enable them to lie for art's sake, and not for the base commercial purposes a man's untruthfulness must serve. Men seldom do anything without a motive, even lie. Women, on the contrary, lie by instinct, if at all.

Whether or not more of us are liars than men may be problematical, but it must certainly be conceded that we are better liars. In matters of sentiment men are undoubtedly less truthful than women, but in the little lies of every day I think it hardly possible we may be second pre-eminence. The most recommended liar of my acquaintance is a woman. If you will scan mentally the list of persons you know, you may be rewarded by a similar discovery.

A woman may lie so lightly, so gracefully, so convincingly that after one first feeling of resentment at her thinking she could deceive us has passed we experience a real artistic delight in her performance; that is, provided she is not lying in an endeavor to "pump" us. For the process of "pumping," once we realize it is being tried on us, constitutes the crime of crimes. We never forgive it, for while we may pardon another lady for reflections on our appearance, past and general character, if it becomes expedient to do so, we never cease resenting such an insult to our intelligence. I think women tell more lies than men, but that more men are liars. And that is saying less than King Solomon did, who was one of the greatest of them.

## BETTY VINCENT'S ADVICE TO LOVERS.

MY opinion has been asked several times lately about engagements nowadays—whether I think they are as binding as they used to be. It seems a silly question to me.

Of course, some people are in earnest all the time and when their mind is made up are undependable. They are few and far between, however, and I shall not mention them any more than to say that when they become engaged they are as good as married.

To the greater number the modern engagement is a rather semi-detached affair, liable to be broken at short notice sometimes, and no tears shed at that. Many girls I know calculate and determine their popularity by the number of broken engagements they can boast.

The old idea that a broken engagement causes one or the other of the couple to go mad or drive away is certainly obsolete.

To be entirely frank, there are few people sure of each other nowadays until they leave the church.

This is entirely wrong. We all realize that, but it comes pretty near being true, just the same. The times are undoubtedly responsible for this, you say. Well, I don't know about that. It is true we are most of us looking for variety and amusement all the time, and the commonplace plodder, although he is the backbone of domesticity in a way, and keeps it alive, must take a back seat when it comes to admiration and attention. It is too bad.

Sincerity is at a premium; that is the trouble. There isn't any of that commodity lying around loose anywhere. If you can find a select few who mean what they say and say what they mean, stick to them. They don't grow on trees, and at the present rate of decrease there won't be many left pretty soon.

All perplexed young people can obtain expert advice on their tangled love affairs by writing to Betty Vincent, Letters for her should be addressed to BETTY VINCENT, Evening World Post-Office Box 1250, New York.

### A Rude Young Man.

Dear Betty: I have been in love with a young man a couple of months. He is a senior, but it seems we cannot agree. The other evening we went for a walk, and he did nothing but find fault with my looks. Now, I am very neat, but it was my personal appearance he objected to, and I became angry and did not speak the rest of the evening. He said "good-night" and didn't even say he was sorry to hurt my feelings or anything. As he lives quite a distance off there is no way to become friends. Do you think I'm in the wrong and ought to write, or do you think he doesn't love me?

Dear Betty: The man was very rude. He cannot be in love with you. I would leave him alone.

### Wants to Meet Him.

Dear Betty: I am eighteen. There is a young man who works only a few places away from me, and every time I pass by he watches me until I am out of sight. He lives in the same neighborhood that I do. I know him by sight only. Do you think it would be proper for me to speak to him?

Dear Betty: You must not speak to him without first being introduced. Can't some mutual friend do that for you?

### He Has No Home.

Dear Betty: I am in love with a young man. As he has no home, do you think it proper to ask him to my house? I have known him about a year, and whenever I see him he acts very nicely to me.

Dear Betty: It would be very nice of you to ask him to your home under the circumstances.

### A Jealous Girl.

Dear Betty: I am a young lady of seventeen attending high school. I am in love with a young man two years my senior, but he pays considerable attention to others when in my presence and frequently speaks to me of the good times he has with other girls, some of whom I do not know and some of whom I do not consider either his equals or mine. Does he love me and how should I treat him to gain his love?

Dear Betty: Do not act as if you cared for him particularly, and, of all things, do not let him know that you care anything about how much he notices the other girls.

ELVIRA.

### She Remembers His Birthday.

Dear Betty: I am sixteen, and I have been interested in a young man one year my senior for about two months. What sort of a birthday present shall I give him? I would like to give him a pretty stickpin for his tie, but perhaps you know of something better. E. O. N.

Dear Betty: Neckties would be better form.

### He Appreciates Her Aunt.

Dear Betty: I am seventeen years of age and am in love with a girl my own age, who dearly loves me. She is not permitted to go out very often, as her mother wishes to keep her away from me, for what reason I cannot find out. Her brother is against me. When he was asked by an aunt of the girl why it was that he wanted his sister kept away from me he said he was only doing this for her own good. She has a very good aunt. When I want to take her to any place of amusement she arranges it so that my girl can stay overnight at her home after she has spent the evening with me. Kindly advise as to how I can gain the friendship of her aunt. What I will not have to see her on the sly. E. O. N.

Dear Betty: Why don't you go to them and talk to them as frankly as you have written to me? You are honorable and they should give you a chance.

## HEALTH AND BEAUTY.

By Margaret Hubbard Ayer.

### Hair Grows Lighter.

CAUTION!—It is the nature of peroxide to bleach and the result which you only obtain is only what you had to expect. Time only will remove the effects of the peroxide. You can, however, wash your hair in water in which you have put a very little

Mulling and it will make the uneven coloring less prominent.

### Remedy for Blackheads.

J. B.—Here is one of the special remedies for blackheads. It may be all that is necessary in your case: Boracic acid, 2 ounces; alcohol, 2 ounces; rose water, 4 ounces. Use with friction twice a day on the skin affected.

### Olive Oil on Face.

C. V. M.—If you had washed the oil out with brush, soap and water, I do not think it would have produced the hair you speak of, but olive oil has a tendency to make the skin yellow, and is not to be advised for the face.

### Freckles and Perspiration.

A. F.—Here is the remedy for excessive perspiration: Hydrastin (hydrochlorate), 5 grains; cologne, 4 ounces. Apply frequently to the surface. And here is the freckle lotion: Distilled water, 1 pint; lavender water (triple), 4 drams; sal-ammoniac (powdered), 1 dram; hydrochloric acid (12 dram). Apply night and morning.

### For Bad Breath.

SUFFERER.—Try to remove the cause by gargling the throat with hyzone. It is a powerful disinfectant and will help the trouble.

## HAPPY DREAMS.

By F. G. Long.

## HOW TO MAKE FIREWORKS AT HOME.

By Roy L. McCardell.



NOW is the time of year when the small boy "soon-er" insists that the Fourth of July comes on any day between June 25 and July 5.

So it is he makes all days between inclusive strident with spattering and detonations and murky with the fumes of burnt gunpowder, culminating in a nerve-racking, ear-bursting, finger blistering, lawn-singeing, house-burning orgy of sounds, smells, smarts and conflagrations July 4.

All is then over save for the simmering down. The celebration is ended the next day by the survivors and wounded (but not disabled) finding in grass, gutters and alleyways overlooked and unburst fireworks, squibs, torpedoes and the like.

It being apparent to the writer that the desire of the small boy is for smell and sound, he, the writer, hereby gives a recipe for making home-made fireworks at home.

These will combine a sound, smell and also safety.

### DIRECTIONS FOR SAFELY MAKING

#### HOME-MADE SAFETY FIREWORKS AT HOME.

Take a pound of macaroni, cut into pieces three inches long. Thread the hollow part with cord soaked in kerosene to form fuse and your home-made safety fireworks are ready to be loaded.

#### How to Load Them.

Take the first piece of macaroni you intend to load and hold in an upright position, with one finger at bottom.

Now force down a small piece of limburger cheese and pack with a lead pencil till it makes a cork at bottom.

Now take a teaspoonful of gunpowder and pour into cylinder on top of limburger cheese at bottom until the gunpowder comes within a fraction of an inch of the top.

Take another small piece of limburger cheese and pack on top of gunpowder.

You will now have a home-made safety firecracker, made with a macaroni shell, a kerosene-soaked cord fuse running through it, gunpowder in the middle and both ends plugged with limburger.

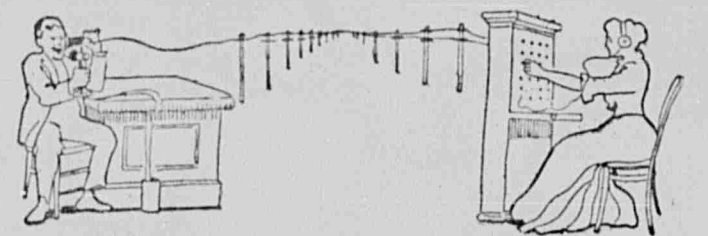
Put away to dry and proceed till you have a sufficient quantity or run out of materials.

It may be well, however, to provide one's self with a permit from the Board of Health before beginning the celebration of a glorious Fourth with our home-made safety fireworks.

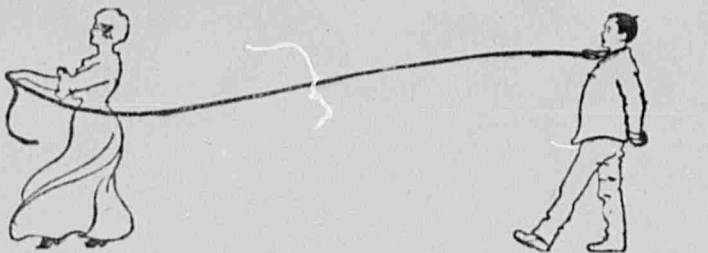
## Switch-Board Songs by Barnes.

No. 1—Ties That Bind.

ANNIE was the operator  
At our private branch exchange;  
She preferred the work to cooking  
Over some one's kitchen range.  
Over some one's faithful "steady,"  
Well he loved that charming miss.  
And the cord that bound him to her  
Was a wire one, like this:



Time went by and gentle Annie  
Left her board for good and all.  
There was no more shouting "Number!"  
After she had married Paul.  
And the cord that binds him to her  
Changed upon their wedding day.  
You can see it in the picture—  
Annie leads him 'round this way:



## May Manton's Daily Fashions.

WAISTS that close in the back, yet give a chemise-like effect, are among the novelties of the season and are exceedingly desirable from every point of view. This one is among the best and includes trimming of lace over the shoulders and is very generally becoming. In the illustration the material is white linen batiste with the chemise effect of tucking, trimming of lace and of banding, but there are a great many thin silks that are in vogue and these as well as washable fabrics are in every way appropriate for the design, which, indeed, is one of those useful ones that can be made available for every-thing seasonable.

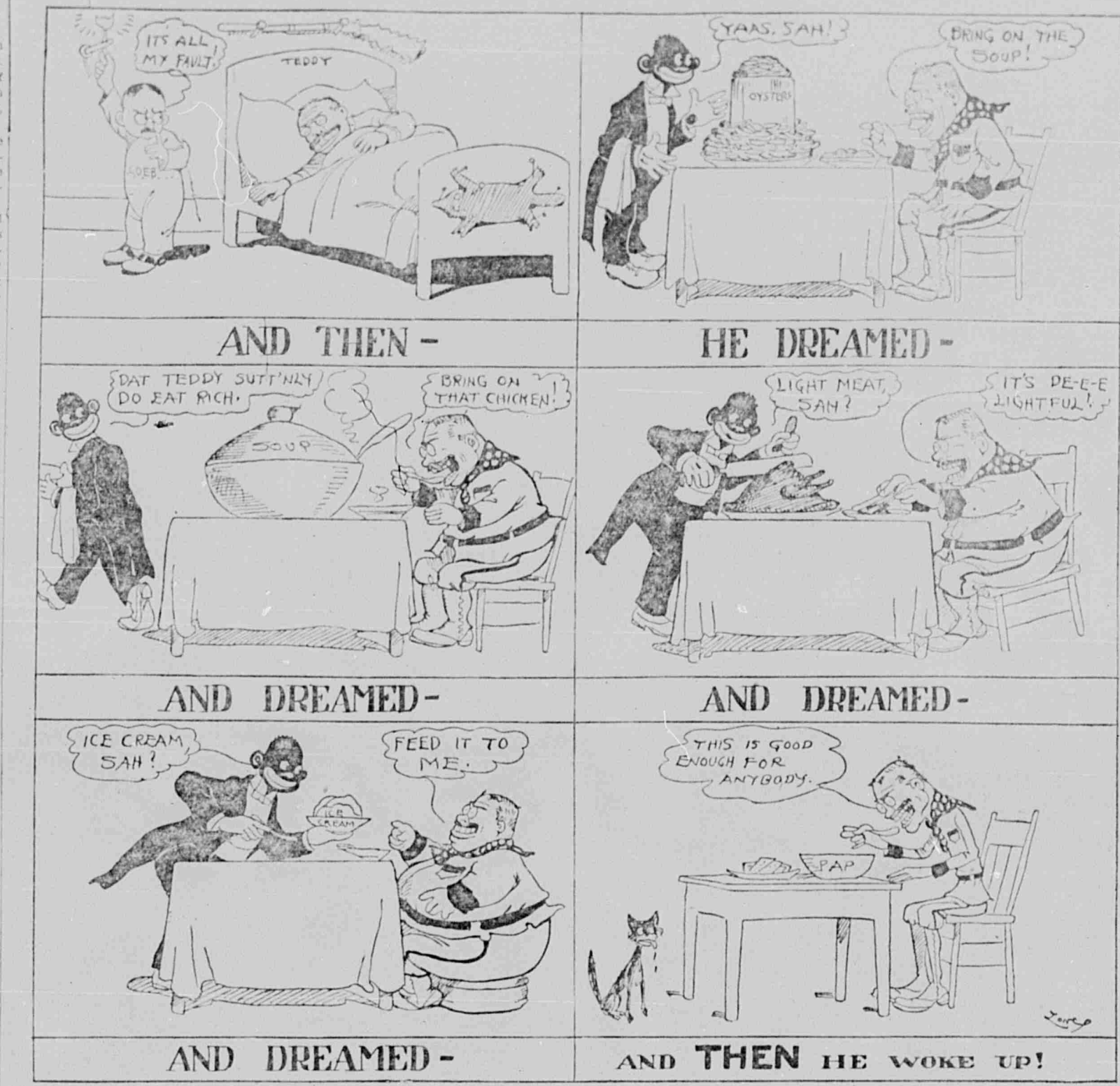
The quantity of material required for the medium size is 3-1/2 yards 21, 23-1/2 yards 27, or 17-1/2 yards 44 inches wide, with 3-8 yard of tucking for the chemise, 2-1/4 yards of lace 4-1/2 inches wide and 3-1/2 yards of banding to make as illustrated. Pattern No. 5,393 is cut in sizes for a 32, 34, 36, 38 and 40 inch bust measure.

Fancy Blouse Waist—Pattern No. 5,393.

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## Tabby Talks.

By Alice Rohe.



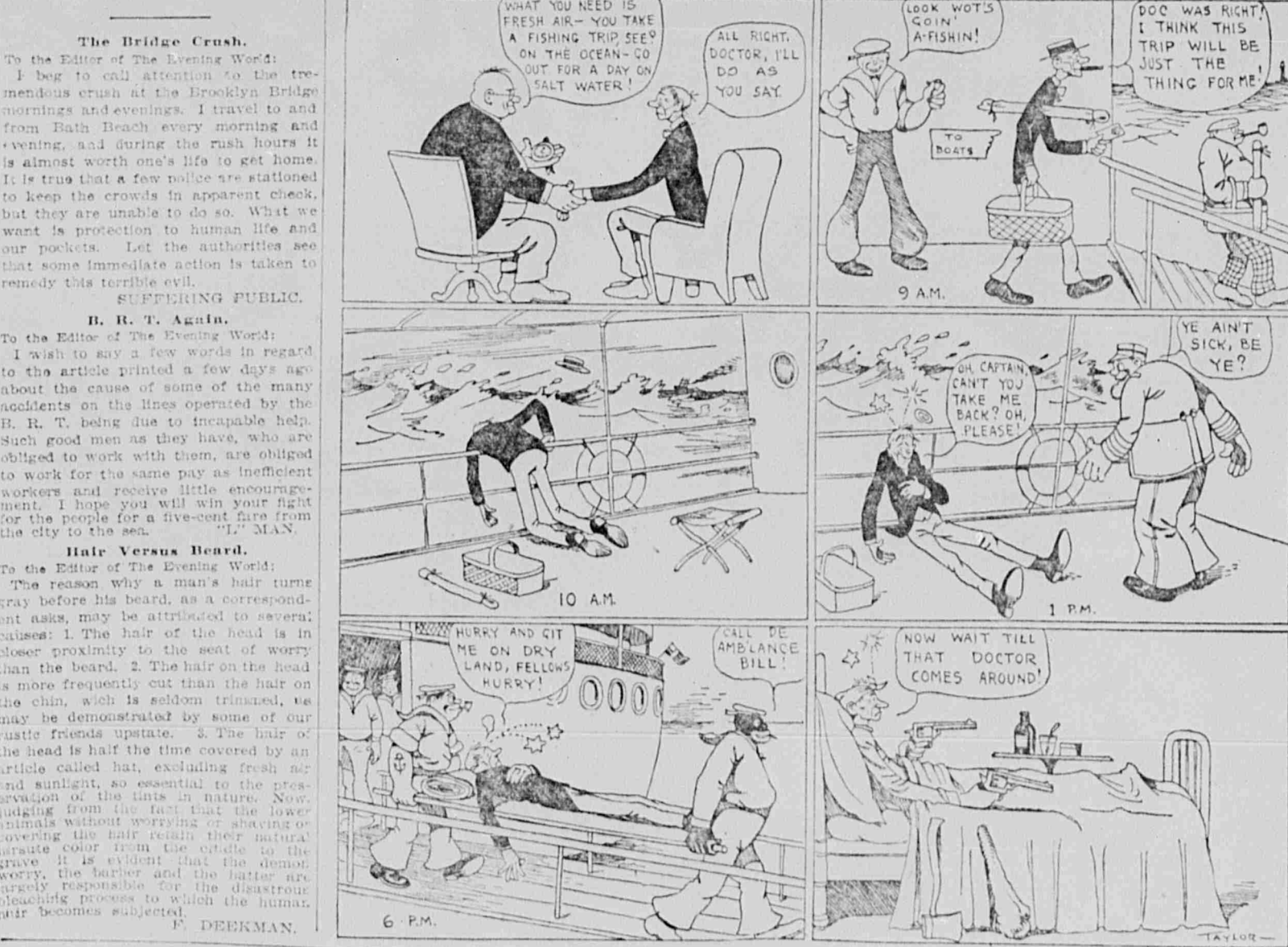
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## LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

### THE FOOLISH LIFE.

By R. W. Taylor.



## HINTS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE.

### Tomato Toast.

PREPARE a slice of toast the same as for buttered toast. In the meantime place half a can of tomatoes in a saucepan over the fire, add a quarter of a teaspoon of salt, two small bay leaves, a tablespoonful of butter, one teaspoonful of sugar and a slight sprinkle of black pepper. Boil ten minutes. Pour the tomatoes over the toast and serve.

### To Can Asparagus.

W. B. Cut the tough white ends of the asparagus off. Put the stalks in a colander and run cold water over them until perfectly free from sand. Put a little salt in the boiling water and drop in the stalks. Cook half an hour. Have your cans hot, cut up the asparagus so that you can pack it closely in the can that the

air may be excluded. Add just a little salt (optional) and up to packed. When done in this manner, the heat is up is spoiled. Be sure to use glass

### CROUTONS.

CROUTONS are simply bread cut in dice about three-quarters of an inch square. They are fried in butter and should be turned on all sides so as to be evenly browned. They may be cooked several hours beforehand and left near the fire, so as to become dry

### One-Egg Cake.

INTO a sifter put 1 1/2 cups flour, 1 cup sugar, 1 teaspoonful cream tartar, 1/2 teaspoonful soda, a little salt, and so on as to be evenly browned. They may be cooked several hours beforehand and left near the fire, so as to become dry